

# Downtown Shopping Area Undergoing Face-Lifting



**BIGGER AND BETTER QUARTERS** are presently being built at McMahan's, 1300 Sartori, and are to be ready within 30 days. McMahan's will expand by taking over the corner building which was formerly a delicatessen. R. M. (Marly) Widrig is the general contractor; designer is Manning E. Roeder.



**MODERN STORES** . . . Liberty Home Appliance occupies one of three modern stores built recently at 1326 Sartori in the heart of the shopping district. Buildings are owned by Jack Schlanger.



**FACE-LIFTING** . . . Installation of new modern plate glass windows, marquees, and an attractive paint job present a pleasant appearance at 1418 Marcelina, location of Torrance Plumbing, Fenwick Shoes, Selma Cleaners, and National Paint. The building is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Faye Parks.



**FORMERLY** the Torrance Theatre, this new building at 1403 Sartori ave. will house the California bank around mid-December. Complete modern banking facilities and larger quarters for each department will be provided. Style-Clements architects and engineers are handling the job.



**THREE NEW BUILDINGS** will be ready for occupancy by September at the corner of Cravens and Post. Moving into larger quarters here will be Prudential Insurance co. A building equipped with modern restaurant facilities as well as a third building will be available for tenants.



**LARGER QUARTERS** . . . Alpert's Trend-Maker furniture recently moved to larger quarters and is now located at 2153 Torrance blvd. The store specializes in the very latest in modern living.



**WHILE ALTERATIONS** on Torrance Cycle and Sports shop, 1421 Marcelina, were completed recently, remodeling and expansion of adjoining buildings are presently in progress. Locating there will be Ellwood's dress shop and a costume jewelry shop operated by Ruth Davies. M and S Sewing Machine has moved to larger quarters on Cravens near Gramercy.

# 5 YEAR-OLD BOY ON BIKE KILLED BY MOTORIST



**JIMMY BODILY** . . . killed

## Dashes In Front Of Car

Riding a bicycle, a 5-year-old boy was killed Tuesday night upon bolting in front of a car while dashing across the street from one sidewalk to the other, according to police.

The accident occurred at Faysmith and 180th st. at 7:40 p.m.

Dead shortly upon arrival at Harbor General Hospital was James Hardy Bodily, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bodily of 3343 W. 180th st.

**Driver Not Held**  
Driver of the car, Maynard H. Horstman, 33, of 17524 Faysmith, was not held.

Two playmates witnessed the accident and went racing home to get their mothers. The little boy and his two-wheeler were pinned under the car.

The parents of the boy accompanied police and ambulance to the hospital, according to Officer P. O. Pattishall and Reserve Officer Eddie Friberg.

**Bishop Visits**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bodily were visited later by Bishop Reldon G. Pinney of the Mormon church. The Bodily's have one other boy, Dennis, 3.

Riding with Horstman at the time of the tragedy were his wife and their four children.

Horstman was in a state of shock following the accident. Bishop Pinney visited him and his family after leaving Mr. and Mrs. Bodily.

According to neighbors, the little boy had been given the bicycle for Christmas.

The funeral will be held Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m., at the Gardena-Torrance Ward chapel, 220th and Cabrillo, Bishop Reldon G. Pinney officiating.

Interment will follow at Green Hills Memorial Park.

## Car Catches Fire, Four Escape Hurt

A Torrance woman and three youngsters barely escaped from a smoking car before the interior caught on fire Friday morning.

They are Mrs. Marguerite V. Subiran of 313 W. Carson st., and her children, Forrest and Michael, and another child, Ben Gibson.

The four were driving along Western ave., near Torrance blvd., when Mrs. Subiran noticed smoke coming from the radio.

She ordered the children into the rear of the car. As she stopped the car, flames spread into the interior.

Torrance Fire department responded to the call. Officials said the blaze may have been caused by a short.

Five years ago, Mrs. Subiran's home was completely destroyed by fire.

## Wedding Party Turns Into Riot

A Torrance youth, Nestor Padilla, 3407 West 187th street, received two cuts on his left arm during a wedding party which turned into a brawl. He was not hospitalized.

The riot occurred Sunday night in Redondo Beach. Five youths were treated for injuries from knives and broken bottles.

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## Lomita Shooting Gallery Proprietor Kills Patron

A 73-year-old shooting gallery proprietor killed a 28-year-old patron by firing five bullets into him, three of which pierced the man's heart, lung and skull.

Arrested on suspicion of murder was Oscar Nelson Shogren, 73, of 25430 1/2 Narbonne ave., Lomita. Shogren claimed self-defense in the shooting of Glen E. Walters of Hayward, Calif.

The incident occurred at Pinedale, Fresno county, where Shogren was traveling with an amusement carnival.

Shogren told officers that a companion of Walters reached for one of the rifles and refused to put it down. Walters then allegedly climbed over the counter and picked up another rifle, pointing it at Shogren.

Shogren then took a rifle and fired at Walters, killing him.

He calmly reloaded the rifle after this and waited for the officers to arrive, it was disclosed.

## Wine Bottle Wife Beater Fined, Jailed

Wine bottle wife beater Howard Weber, 36, of 2074 Middlebrook, Torrance, must pay a \$50 fine and spend seven days in the county jail, upon order of Judge John Shidler of the South Bay Municipal court.

Weber was also given a 173-day suspended jail sentence which he must serve if he violates his summary probation.

Weber was arrested last week Monday for attacking his wife with a wine bottle which he broke over her head, continuing to assault her with the broken end.

The charge of assault with a deadly weapon was reduced to simple assault upon recommendation of the district attorney.

Weber's wife was reported in good condition.

## Rabies Law Citizens Organizing

A group of Torrance residents, greatly disappointed over the way the Torrance City Council voted on the rabies issue, are now organizing in order to campaign for successful passage of the law at the April election.

This citizens committee for a rabies law will meet this coming Wednesday, August 17, at 8 p.m. at 1628 Gramercy ave. (next to Currie's).

Groups and individuals interested in the formation of this group may contact Mrs. Herma Tillim, FA. 8-5368.

## Contestants May Pick Up Pictures Now

Individuals who submitted photos in the Torrance Press contest may pick them up by asking for them at the office, 1406 Cravens avenue (near Post).

The office is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until noon on Saturdays.

## HE HAD PAR-FUL RESULTS

When you advertise golf clubs for sale, better hold on to your tennis racket and house — or they'll go with it!

That, at least, is the experience of W. J. Dillinger, 2154 W. 256th St.

Mr. Dillinger had a set of golf clubs for sale and placed the following classified ad in the Torrance Press.

FOR SALE: 1 set MacGregor golf clubs with very fine bag. Will sell reasonably. 2154 W. 256th st., Lomita, DA 8-7893.

"I not only had many call about my clubs but I could have sold my tennis racket and even my house as well," he commented with delight.

It's easy to place an inexpensive classified ad in the Torrance Press. Just call FA. 8-2345 and a friendly classified sales girl will help you word your ad just right.

## EDITORIAL Planning Ahead

One of the surest signs that the future of Torrance looks bright is the energetic remodeling and expansion program which downtown merchants have initiated.

Anyone who has strolled through downtown Torrance even casually must notice it.

The expansion and remodeling spirit is a healthy and optimistic sign. It indicates that Torrance merchants have a great faith in their ability to satisfy the needs of the growing community.

It shows, too, that the downtown business area has unlimited potential.

A total of nearly half a million dollars is now being spent in this effort.

Structures are being torn down partially and rebuilt into modern and more spacious buildings; others are being raised from the bottom up; and countless stores are modernizing by adding attractive marquees, colorful neon signs, smartly slanted windows, and bright new paint jobs to their buildings.

Continuous efforts are being made to make shopping a pleasure for local residents and to satisfy their every need.

The recently-organized Retail Merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce has been holding a series of bargain days, dollar days, and end-of-the-month sales in recent months to encourage more local shopping.

A number of new off-street parking lots have provided more than 200 additional parking spaces and other off-street parking plans now under consideration will make room for an estimated 300 more cars.

Torrance's population has grown from 22,200 to an estimated 65,000 since 1950.

The present building activity indicates that the downtown merchants are making progress to keep up with the fantastic growth of Torrance.

## New Drain To Relieve Flood Conditions Here

Plans and specifications to construct the \$362,600 Arlington avenue - Glenburn avenue storm drain in Torrance were approved by the Board of Supervisors and a call for bids authorized, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

Bids will be received at the office of H. W. Hedger, chief engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, on Friday, September 2. Award of contract will be made by the Board about ten days following submission of the bids, Chace said.

The successful bidder will be allowed 210 calendar days in which to complete the project. Plans call for construction of two trunk line drains with a total length of nearly 6000 feet in the North Torrance residential district.

Line A will be installed in Arlington avenue from Redondo Beach boulevard to the Dominguez channel, while Line B will be constructed in Glenburn avenue from a point 300 feet south of 175th street to the Dominguez channel north of the end of Glenburn, Chace said.

He pointed out that the project will provide drainage for an area comprising more than 800 acres in Torrance, most of (Turn to Page 10)

## Explain Hitch In Recreation Swim Plan

Many children enrolled in the Torrance Recreation Department swim program were disappointed last Tuesday when the huge attendance at Alondra pool kept them from enjoying the water.

With the hot spell of the past week, a new problem confronted the Torrance Recreation Department and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. This was due to a load limit of the swimming pool at Alondra park of 500 children.

The Torrance swim program has over 400 children enrolled and last Tuesday all of the children did not get a chance to take swimming lessons in the pool because of the load limit.

Harry Van Bellehem, department director, explained to the press today that this is the first time this situation has arisen and further stated it is a good thing Torrance is getting its own swimming pool. Perhaps the tremendous growth in population is best illustrated in what has happened at Alondra pool, he added.

Arrangements are being made with the officials of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department to try to enable all Torrance children enrolled in the swim program to use the pool. However, as of this date, there seems to be no solution because of the enormous crowds using the pool during the present heat wave, Van Bellehem said.

## Merchants To Fete Teachers

About 200 new teachers of the Torrance Unified School District will be luncheon guests of the Retail Merchants association of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday, September 8. Luncheon will be held in the American-Standard cafeteria.

## Variance Granted Edison Company

Variance was granted the Edison company for locating a sub-station on the south side of Sepulveda boulevard at Maradrona avenue, according to action taken by the City Council Tuesday night.

## Old Fashioned Picnic Set for Sunday at City Park

A sack race, a three-legged race and a pie eating contest will head the events planned next Sunday when the Torrance Recreation Department stages an "old fashioned" family picnic at Torrance City Park.

Harry Van Bellehem, department director, urges local residents to pack a big picnic lunch and bring the family. In addition to a number of contests and games, there will be musical entertainment, a band shell and a softball jamboree at the baseball field, he said.

**Races at Noon**  
The affair will start at noon at the park, located on Arlington at Santa Fe Ave. with games and races beginning promptly at noon and lunch to follow at 1 p.m.

From 2:30 to 4:30, teams participating in the slo-pitch softball league will compete, with each game slated to last a half hour. A total running score will be kept to determine the afternoon's winners.

**Two Classes**  
Games and contests are open to all under two classifications: boys and girls 12 years of age and under; and boys and girls over 12 and grown folks. All events will be announced before they begin over the public address system, it was disclosed. There will be prizes and ribbons for winners in each contest.



**GRAND OPENING** celebrations start today at Rancher's Corner, located at 174th st. and Hawthorne ave. The market carries a complete line of produce, meats, poultry, and grocery products. See story, page 13.